

Rotary Meeting, December 17, 2018

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The meeting was called to order by President *Jeannie Brandenberger*.

Invocation: The invocation was delivered by *Ann Rohrbaugh*.

Art News- Rotarian/Past President Jim Bridenstine presented the Art News. Upcoming events include auditions for *Angels of the People Mover*, numerous events/showings at the Kalamazoo Art Institute, *Holiday Tunes* with the Kalamazoo Concert Brass, and the upcoming Cirque du Soleil at WMU's Miller Auditorium.

Visiting Rotarians- *No visiting Rotarians today.*

Guests- *Jonathan Kraber, Juan Salinas, Jeff Kalmbach, Tom Stobie, Penny Briscoe, Lyndsey Harling.*

New Member- Rotarian Pam Kingery introduced Amy Kuchta as a new member. Amy is from the Cleveland, Ohio area, and came to the Kalamazoo area in 2004. She serves as the Program Director/CEO of Big Brothers/Big Sisters. She will be serving on the Rotary is For Reading Committee.

Announcements-

President Jeannie recognized Rotarian Jared Vanderweele for all of his efforts with volunteer projects this past year.

Rotarian Amy Remmert was recognized as an incoming Board Member.

Rotarian PP Tim Kilmartin presented the nomination slate of officers for 2019. A motion was made by Rotarian PP/PDG Jim Cupper, and seconded by Rotarian PP/PDG Rick Briscoe. The slate was approved.

Rotarian Nancy Peterson discussed the charity and fundraising work of the Foundations Committee.

Rotarian Nathan Triplett recognized Rotarian/PP/PDG Rick Briscoe and his wife, Penny, for their dedicated years of charity and giving to Rotary.

President Jeannie reminded all that the next Rotary meeting will be held January 7, 2019. The next 501 event will take place on January 22, 2019 at new Stamped Robin Wine Bar.

Program- Rotarian/PP Jim McIntyre introduced Kalamazoo Valley Community College President, *Dr. Luther Marshall Washington*. *Dr. Washington* provided an update and overview of the colleges programs and impact on the community.

Dr. Washington discussed various programs and partnerships within the community, including the KRESA Early College Program, the Momentum Program thru Urban Alliance, the Kalamazoo Valley Accelerated Association Program, and the Valley Hub program.

He fielded numerous questions.

President Jeannie reminded all of various upcoming schedule items before leading the Rotary pledge and adjourning the meeting.